(c) the manner in which Government proposes to save the vulnerable sections of society from this menace of stray dogs, etc. which is persisting in full swing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Financial assistance is provided by the Central Government to Animal Welfare Organizations, through out the country for sterilization and immunization of stray dogs for control of their population and rabies.

Industrial units in residential areas

1074. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that despite the orders of the Member Secretary UP Pollution Control Board, for the closure of an industrial unit running in residential area of Buxi Bazar, Khuldabad, Allahabad no action has been taken so far;

(b) if so, the reasons for not closing such industrial units which are running in the residential areas violating the provisions of the Environmental Acts; and

(c) the action Government and Central Pollution Control Board propose to take for the closure of such units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) As per the information furnished by the Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board (UPPCB), the Board has identified M/s Natraj Tiles located in the residential area of Buxi bazar, Allahabad to be violating the provisions of the relevant environmental Act. The UPPCB has requested the Nagar Nigam, Allahabad to take action against the industry as directed by the Hon'ble High Court on 13.08.2003 in Writ Petition No. 34957/2003 Smt. Mithilesh Jain (Agra) v/s State of U.P. the UPPCB has also issued show cause notice to the industry under Section 31A of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 dated 27.11.07. No Objection Certificate (NOC) is not being issued for establishing any industry in residential area by the UPPCB.

Import of environment hazardous waste

1075. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that ship loads of environment hazardous waste are being imported to the country from developed countries;

(b) whether it is a fact that domestic waste from US has been imported *via* Cochin Port;

(c) if so, details thereof;

(d) the action taken to prevent such incidents; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Import of hazardous waste into the country is subject